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Applicant(s): Senoo et al.
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REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING DATE

Sir:

Applicants are submitting this Request for Postponement of a hearing date in response to the Notice of Hearing ("Notice") issued on August 26, 2005. The Notice indicates that a hearing date has been set on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. regarding the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is enclosed herewith.

The basis for Applicants' Request is as follows. At the outset, Applicants undersigned attorney of record will not be available to attend the hearing as presently scheduled where the undersigned attorney of record will be on business travel outside of the United States beginning on October 15, 2005 and extending through at least a part of the week of October 24, 2005.

As the undersigned attorney of record will be out of the United States on October 20, 2005 on business travel, it will not be reasonably possible for the undersigned attorney of record to conduct the hearing via telephone on such date based on the undersigned attorney of record's business travel schedule to date and further considering the time difference between Asian countries, such as Japan and China where the undersigned attorney of record will be on this trip, and the United States.

Moreover, Applicants believe that it would be unreasonably feasible and unfair to require an alternate to attend the hearing in place of the undersigned attorney of record where the undersigned attorney of record has been the primary attorney solely and actively involved in the

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examination of this case including various responses to previously issued Office Actions and further preparing and filing the Appeal Brief and Reply Brief of record.

Based on at least these reasons, Applicants believe that a postponement of the hearing date is justified and thus respectively request that the hearing date be rescheduled after the undersigned attorney of record returns from his business travel abroad, such as in November 2005, or before the business trip begins as discussed above.

If the Patent Office should have any questions and/or require additional information regarding this Request, Applicants kindly request that the undersigned attorney be contacted directly by telephone in an attempt to address any potential questions regarding same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 13, 2005

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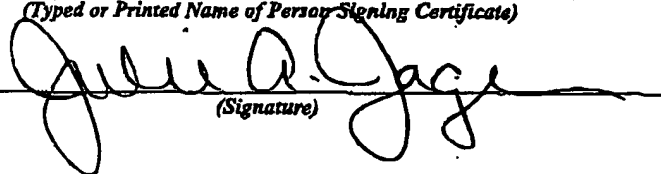
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